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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents 50-125437 and 3015873, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the enclosed copy of an International Search Report (which includes a partial English translation), wherein those

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documents are cited. The purported relevance of those documents is indicated as categories 'X' and 'A', respectively, in the International Search Report. Also for the Japanese document 50-125437, and for the concise statement of relevance of documents 4-50595, 9-2365, 6-92284, and 50-20348, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the enclosed English translation of an International Preliminary Examination Report, wherein those documents are cited. The International Search Report and the International Preliminary Examination Report were issued by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Moreover, for documents 50-125437, 3015873, and 4-50595, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the corresponding English translations of those documents, enclosed herewith.

Documents 50-125437, 1-269689, and 5-294276 were cited in a communication dated July 17, 2001, issued by a foreign patent office in a counterpart Japanese application. An English translation of that communication, entitled "Notification Of Ground Of Rejection", is enclosed.

Applicant also notes that documents 4,125,239, 4,706,516, 4,807,491, 4,872,695, 58-133986, 58-221783, 8-113180, 58-199279,¹ and the cited publication entitled "High-Tech Cycling", listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, are cited in the specification at various locations, from page 5, line 27 through page 13, line 19.

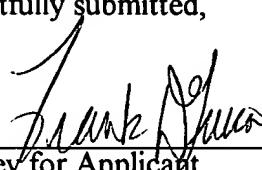
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

^{1/} Page 13, lines 1-2 of the specification identifies document 58-199279 as "8-199279".

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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